

# Torry's **Vision**

Spring 2020



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## Editorial

Welcome to the Spring edition of Torry's Vision community magazine. Read on for news about Bonny Torry, Lochside Academy, St Fitticks Rotary and regular groups happening in your area.

If you would like to get involved and join the editorial team or if you have ideas for the community publication, you can easily get in touch with us. The staff at SHMU are able to support and train anyone living in the area who is interested in developing their ideas and skills in either writing, photography or proof reading. So please don't be shy, this is your magazine written, edited and designed by the good folk of Torry.

If you live in Torry and would like to come along to the editorial meetings or submit an article then get in touch with Laura at SHMU on **01224 515013** or you can email her on **[laura.young@shmu.org.uk](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk)**.

You can also view this magazine alongside previous editions on the SHMU website **[www.shmu.org.uk](http://www.shmu.org.uk)** then click the 'PRESS' option.

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# Friends of Torry Care Home

There was a good attendance at the recent open meeting held in the Torry Care Home to regenerate the Friends of Torry Care Home. The previous committee had stepped down due to ill health or other personal reasons and the Home Manager, Nadine Garcia, asked one of the residents, Dave McDonald, to assist with the committee for the organisation and further development of the home's sensory garden.

A draft constitution had been prepared for discussion and several changes were agreed

before the constitution was formally adopted. A full committee was then elected to serve until the AGM, which will be in May 2020. Anyone who wishes, may follow and like the group on their Facebook Page - Friends of Torry Care Home, or contact the Chairman (Dave McDonald ) [torrycarehomefriends@gmail.com](mailto:torrycarehomefriends@gmail.com), or 07866 910 865.

If you feel you can assist the group in anyway or with gardening aspects of the sensory garden please make contact by either of the above methods... all welcome!



## BONNY TORRY COMPETITION 2020

It's that time of year again!

Get out your gardening gloves and trowels and prepare for this year's competition.

As last year the categories will be: Front Gardens, Back Gardens and Community Gardens.

Entry forms will be available from Torry Library and through the Communities Torry Facebook page from 1st May 2020.

Judging will take place from early August.



## Walker Road School comes on board with drawing competition

School's Art Club pupils portrayed the way they see the marine environment in Torry

Dragados UK has celebrated the first Come on Board! Drawing Competition associated with the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project. 36 pupils from Walker Road School's Art Club, located in Torry, submitted their drawings created in groups of two or three. The 'artists' are between 9 and 11 years old and the proposed theme for the activity was 'Maritime

Aberdeen: History, Life and Nature'.

In total, 13 drawings were submitted to Dragados UK, who were impressed by the high quality of all the received entries. All the paintings have been enlarged and placed along the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project's site fence, bringing up colours and creativity to the project and to motorists and pedestrians passing by.

# Want to get Torry Community Council Established?

**Residents within the Torry area can at any time, request Aberdeen City Council to organise arrangements for the establishment of Torry Community Council. To do this, 20 people from the area who are on the electoral register are required to complete and sign an application form and return it to Aberdeen City Council.**

On receipt of the form, dates for the election process will be determined and notified.

Forms are available on the website: [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/community-councils/community-council-governance](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/community-councils/community-councils/community-council-governance).

Or by contacting the Community Council Liaison Officer: [communitycouncils@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:communitycouncils@aberdeencity.gov.uk).

## **What are Community Councils?**

The general purpose of community councils is to act as a voice for their local area. This will involve them sharing the views and concerns of local people in their area on a wide range of

issues and make representations to the local authority, other public sector bodies and private agencies on matters within their sphere of interest.

Community councils are a statutory consultee on all planning applications and licensing applications relating to liquor.

Community councils should have in place mechanisms to encourage public involvement and feedback to secure greatest possible involvement from all sectors of the community which may include consultations, questionnaires, public meetings and effective means to publicise the determinations of the community council.

## **How do they work?**

- They usually meet once a month to discuss the issues of current concern in their area.
- They contact and are contacted by relevant agencies to put forward the views of the community which involves collating views from members of the community, including individuals, families and groups.
- They discuss and negotiate solutions to local issues and concerns.
- They attend meetings, liaise with City Councillors and officials.
- When necessary they campaign on big issues of local concern.

## **Who can be a Community Councillor?**

- Community council candidates must be named on the current electoral register for the community council area in which they reside as a local government elector.
- The minimum age to stand for election as a community councillor is 16 years of age.
- You don't need any special skills or experience. People who become community councillors should have an interest in their community and often begin with an interest in a specific issue such as youth provision, protecting the environment or the quality of local services.





# Lochside Academy

Between the 3rd and 7th February 2020, two groups of S1 pupils from Lochside Academy travelled up to the Loch Eil outdoor centre near Fort William. The pupils were given the opportunity to try out exciting outdoor activities like canoeing, rock climbing, zip line, abseiling and scrambling as well as explore an amazing new place in the wilderness of Scotland.

The time that the pupils spent at the centre allowed them to make new friends, meet new people and get to know their classmates better as well as develop many different skills and build character traits such as resilience, confidence and independence that can then be transferred to experiences out with Loch Eil.

Comments from pupils about what they enjoyed included:

'Being with our group and enjoying each other's company. We did so many fun activities and before we didn't know one another that well and now I can say I trust them and can call them my friends' and 'I loved every single bit of it!'

A great experience for all involved.



## NESS Energy Project

The NESS Energy Project is the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility is being built in the East Tullis Industrial Estate, where the old gas holder site used to be. Once construction has finished in 2022, non-recyclable waste will be used at the facility as a fuel to generate electricity to be sold onto the National Grid as well as providing hot water for a District Heating scheme Torry and, hopefully, beyond. Modern EfW plants burn non-recyclable waste cleanly and conform to strict EU standards for emissions, producing heat and electricity.

ACCIONA was awarded the contract to build and operate the facility and construction started at the end of last year. ACCIONA will

keep residents and businesses informed of progress and more information can be found on the project website, through your local representatives and here in Torry's Vision.

ACCIONA has now started the main structural piling works. The piles are long cylindrical concrete tubes cast into the ground to enable large foundations and structures to be built without moving or sinking over time. The bunker piles are deepest going to 30m below ground level. The piles for the bunker are made in a continuous line to form a box. The soil inside the 'box' is then removed to create the bunker, which will store the waste.

The current works on site are to place all the piles during the next few months using casement piles.

During removal of the soil from the auger (drill bit), the auger spins to shake off the soil during which a slight intermittent metal banging may be heard. The piling sequence is to complete each pile within one day and most of the noise will be during the morning periods. At the 'peak' period, three drilling rigs will be present on site.

If you wish to contact the project team, you can do so on:

**Email :** [projectteam@nessenergy.co.uk](mailto:projectteam@nessenergy.co.uk)

**Web:** [www.nessenergy.co.uk](http://www.nessenergy.co.uk)

**Tel:** 07460556592

# Grampian Credit Union

Are you a member of Grampian Credit Union?

Do you live in Torry and need quick access to cash?

Why don't you contact us today and see how we can help?

We are also happy to hear from you if you are not yet a member – it's easy to join the Credit Union.

Grampian Credit Union is a savings and loans co-operative for everyone living or working in the Grampian area.

Joining now will give you a start on saving for summer and Christmas, which is always a great idea!

Website: [www.grampiancreditunion.co.uk](http://www.grampiancreditunion.co.uk)

Email: [admin@grampiancreditunion.co.uk](mailto:admin@grampiancreditunion.co.uk)

Telephone: 01224 561506

Office: 250 Union Street, Aberdeen AB10 1TN

Contact us or come into our office – we are always happy to help!



## Torry Tenant wins Runner Up Tenant of the Year at TPAS National Conference 2019

Fay Morrison, a Torry tenant was Runner Up at the Tenant Participation Advisory Service Awards in December 2019. She was presented with this award at their annual conference in St Andrews. This award is for an individual tenant or resident who has made an outstanding contribution in the last 5 years towards their community, participating with their landlord and influencing services, performance and/or culture of participation. Their efforts will be inspirational.

Fay has been involved in her community – Torry - for many years. Fay is a Housing Volunteer - she is currently a member of the Tenant & Resident Forum, the Housing Service Review Group - reviewing Council Services. She was involved in the Repairs Review and took the lead in collating the Feedback Review report. She has travelled around Scotland presenting on the work

the group does. She is a member of the Housing Performance & Budget Group, the Agenda Setting Group and is secretary of the Events & Communication Group – helping the group to organise the Citywide Tenant Participation Christmas Social Event, she is a member of the North East - NETRALT - award winning group and participated in the innovative Mystery Shopping Project with other landlord tenants and residents.

Fay is also Chair of the Torry Locality Planning Group, member of the Regeneration Matters Group, on the Fairer Aberdeen Board, the Civic Forum, a member of the Drugs Action Group - Fay has also actively participated in Consultations - Rent Policy, Allocations Policy, promoting Tenant Engagement at Gala Events across the city.

**Well done Fay!**



# BEST START AND SMILE PANTRY

Based on the success of the Woodside Pantry, Scotland's second pantry-style food scheme, the Best Start and Smile Pantry was opened in October 2019. The Best Start and Smile Pantry is open to those families who live in the Torry, AB11 area and have one or more pre-school age children.

The pantries were developed by Community Food Initiatives North East (CFINE) and are an innovative way of making affordable food accessible to the pantry members in Aberdeen and soon also in the Shire. The aim of the Best Start and Smile Pantry is to make healthy food available to the families living in Torry and to provide education and support on maintaining good oral health.

Best Start Smart Cards can be used to purchase fresh fruit, veg, eggs and pulses at affordable prices.

If you live in Torry and have one or more pre-school age children, you may be eligible to join the Pantry. Get in touch with CFINE on **01224 596156** or at **NMcKay@cfine.org** to find out more. The Best Start and Smile Pantry is located at the CFINE headquarters at 2-4 Poynerook Rd., Aberdeen, AB11 5RW and the opening times are Thursdays 9:30am -12:00pm.

## How does the Best Start and Smile Pantry work?

-You need to live in the Torry or AB11 area and have something with proof of address on it. Only one pantry membership per household, including the other pantries in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.



- You need to have one or more pre-school age children.
- You will fill out a form and pay a £3 membership fee. This membership lasts 1 year from the date you joined. You will get a membership card and a membership number.
- You will then pay £2.50 at each shop you do, a maximum of 1 per week.
- You can take 10 items: 7 green and 3 orange. You will choose your own items.
- The retail value of the shop varies between £15-£30, depending on which items you choose and what we have in stock.

CFINE also offers a range of different support for its Pantry members and beneficiaries, including help with applying for Best Start Grants, and Best Start Foods Smart Card, as well as benefits and budgeting advice through CFINE's SAFE Team, cooking classes at Cook in the 'Nook and so on. For more information, visit CFINE's website at [www.cfine.org](http://www.cfine.org) If you would like to become a Best Start and Smile Pantry member, get in touch with CFINE on **01224 596156** or at **NMcKay@cfine.org** today!

## Aberdeen Play Forum: Come and Play!

Aberdeen Play Forum is a local charity that delivers free and accessible play sessions within the community. It is our mission to promote the important role that play has in children's wellbeing and development. In particular, outdoor and loose parts play. Loose parts are open ended materials such as, tyres, planks of wood, pipes, crates, sticks, ropes. These can be used in a variety of ways and are only limited by the child's imagination. Children will often spend more time absorbed in this type of play than with more prescriptive plastic toys.

2019 saw us become more ambitious in our delivery of such sessions, including providing pop up term time sessions and covering seventeen local parks in the October holidays. In addition, we delivered a pilot Play in the Dark session at Hanover School on the 29th of November 2019. We aim to continue this work in 2020 with more pop-up sessions planned, introducing weekend and all weather sessions. Look out for us on Facebook to see where we are popping up next!

For more information about Aberdeen Play Forum , look them up on Facebook or get in touch by phone 01224 518 578 or email: [Karen.Shepherd@aberlour.org.uk](mailto:Karen.Shepherd@aberlour.org.uk) or [melanie.jaffrey@aberlour.org.uk](mailto:melanie.jaffrey@aberlour.org.uk)

# IN CONVERSATION

**In Conversation With is a project, run by shmu, which aims to include people living in sheltered housing and care homes in our different media projects.**

So far volunteers from shmu have been going into homes and speaking to the residents about whatever it is they want to talk about – whether it be reminiscence or about a local issue. Our volunteers took old photos from days gone by in Torry to Brimmond Court and the local people were happy to speak about their memories.

Pat was born and bred in Torry, and she was given some old photos of what Torry used to look like so she could try and remember and elaborate. Pat attended Walker Road School as a child and the rest of her family attended Victoria Road School. One of the photos she looked at had shown the Co-op shop and she

explained that the shop has been around for a very long time. She recognised other places such as a shoe's shop, clothes' shop and a hairdresser. Though, it wasn't the hairdressers she used to go to: Pat explained how she went to one that was up the road from where she used to live.

There was a picture of what the Balnagask House originally looked like, and Pat had told more of the history behind it. It was bought by a family called the Davidsons. It was "Colonel Davidson" that everyone in Torry called him, so they had quite a big reputation. After a good few years, Balnagask House was knocked down by the council and then rebuilt as the Balnagask House that stands now.

The aftermath of the war was felt by Torry residents as a lot of the houses were damaged by the bombings and the population was growing rapidly so it caused many people not to have homes and

to be squatters. There was also a photo of a woman in her back-garden placing the milk out to keep it cold, suggesting that they took advantage of the cold weather. Pat was quick to recognise most of the roads she saw, saying that she could tell what roads which by the size of the tenements were.

Pat was shown some old school photos to see if she could try and recognise any of the pupils. Even though she couldn't recognise many, she remembered what some of her classmates were called which was easy as she was one of the three Pat's in her class. The school she attended was the biggest school in Scotland for a while in fact.

**If you would like to get involved with In Conversation With get in touch with Laura on 01224 515013 or email [laura.young@shmu.org.uk](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk).**





# TORRY MEMORIES & HERITAGE SOCIETY

## CAN YOU HELP

The photos to the left are two of four certificates, awarded to Joan McPherson a pupil at Victoria Road Primary School in the mid 1930's, found among some Torry memorabilia which was handed into our group a few weeks ago.

We would love to discover if there is a family member out there so we could return the certificates to them.

At the dates on the certificates the family lived at 204 Victoria Road, Torry.

My research has found there were McPhersons at that address from the 1920's to the 1990's.

Do you know them? Can you help?

**If so contact us by e-mail at [torrymemoriesheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:torrymemoriesheritagesociety@gmail.com).**



## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are organising an Open Day on Saturday 2nd May 2020.

Come along and view a selection of our large collection of photos, books, school information, artefacts, and other memorabilia.

You can also visit our 1950's themed memory room.

The event will run from 10am to 4pm at Provost Hogg Court on Victoria Road, Torry.

SHMU will also be there to capturing interviews and displaying information about their volunteering opportunities.

Refreshments will be served during the day.



## Able Deen in Torry

Able Deen are now based in Torry every second Wednesday.

This is a service which takes out wheelchairs, scooters and volunteers to different parts of Aberdeen to enable people to access their local services, facilities and shops.

They are now in Torry every second Wednesday between 10am and 4pm and will be parked up outside Torry Library. Look out for the Able Deen van or look them up on Facebook to see when they're in your area.

For more information look up [www.abledeen.org.uk](http://www.abledeen.org.uk), call or text 07436102939 or email [abledeen2019@gmail.com](mailto:abledeen2019@gmail.com)



## VictoriArt

VictoriArt continue to work on new art projects throughout Torry. In the pipeline we have a programme of painted stairs throughout Torry, similar to those at the St Nicholas Centre, painting the communal refuse bins on Victoria Road, art workshops for the community, and the remaining shelter at Walker Road School.

We would welcome any suggestions from the community

as to any future projects for artwork in Torry. New members are always welcome to the group. VictoriArt can be contacted via their Facebook site.

A fundraising quiz night for VictoriArt is to be held in the White Cockade at 7.30pm on Friday 1st May and everyone is welcome to attend!

## Weekly Weigh in Social in Torry

The weigh in class is for anyone who wishes to lose weight or start a healthy diet that should help with any issues concerning their wellbeing. The class is informal and it is centred round what the members would like to achieve for themselves. We are all in the same place and want to achieve a better lifestyle.

There is plenty of room for more members and there is no name on your weigh in card just a number, so no one knows your weight but yourself. We are friendly and you can have a tea or coffee while chatting with the other members.

If you need anyone to speak to about anything that is personal, then it can be arranged. We can have speakers from NHS, Financial Inclusion, or anything at all. We are very flexible, maybe if you are just needing weighed then you can just do that and go you don't have to stay for the whole time. We have a confidence to cookbook.

Everyone is most welcome so come and join the weigh in group. It is free on a Monday from 10 am until 12 pm at the Torry Youth and Leisure Centre.





# BIG NOISE IN TORRY AS SISTEMA PROJECT SET TO CONTINUE

**Big Noise Torry has been approved to keep running for another six years.**

In January 2020 Aberdeen City Council approved the business case for the continuation of a long-term partnership with the charity Sistema Scotland to support the delivery of the project.

The contract will see Big Noise Torry continue for a six-year period from 01 April this year until 31 March 2026.

In addition to the continuation of all current programmes the new contract will see:

- Expansion of the after-school programme to work with all ages, from Primary 3 until Secondary 6 school ages.
- Expansion of the after-school programme to offer additional strands for young people focused on skills for employment including youth board, volunteering development, teaching assistant development and partnerships with local further education establishments.
- The Big Noise after-school programme expanding from strings only to include woodwind, brass and percussion.
- Embedding Big Noise as key partner in the new Torry Community Hub.
- Building on The Noise adult orchestra and volunteering to develop community committees, ownership and capacity through community engagement.

Launched in 2015, Big Noise Torry is already working with over 550 children from birth to Primary 7. The extension of the contract will allow Aberdeen City Council and Sistema Scotland to continue to work together to deliver the programme that already exists, and to extend the age range and build the additional strands to complete the programme model for the Torry community.

# CouncillorComments

## AUDREY NICOLL

I'm delighted to be writing my first article for Torry Vision as the newly elected Councillor for Torry/Ferryhill. Thank you to everyone who voted for me in the recent by-election, even if you didn't, I give you my assurance that I will work hard to represent everyone living and working in Torry. Since being elected I have been busy making links with individuals, organisations and groups so I can really grasp what's going on, what challenges Torry faces, and importantly what's working well. I've been overwhelmed at the positive

work being done across the area, but I'm not complacent about the challenges many residents face.

This part of my role will be ongoing and I'm looking forward to meeting many more Torry folks as we move out of winter into a long-awaited Spring. I have started monthly surgeries every second Thursday of the month at 3pm at the Torry Library. Please pop along if you want to discuss anything with me.

Finally but importantly, I've been making steady progress addressing

issues such as flytipping, potholes, blocked gutters, parking on grass verges, loose coping stones, overflowing communal bins and antisocial behaviour but there is much more to do. Please get in touch if you wish to report anything that is impacting on you or others around you.

**I can be contacted on tel no 01224 346620, mobile 07971 707 278 or via email [audnicoll@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:audnicoll@aberdeencity.gov.uk).**

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## CHRISTIAN ALLARD

Reflecting on 2019, we asked you to come to a polling station to cast your vote many times. Last time being for a UK general election, before this for a local by-election for the council ward and back in May for the last UK European election, the one that was not supposed to happen. I am sure you will understand how delighted I am to have Stephen Flynn as our new MP and Audrey Nicoll as our new councillor for Torry and Ferryhill. I'll be working closely with them and with our constituency MSP Maureen Watt, a great team for Torry. Thank you to everyone who exercised their democratic right to vote.

My time as a member of the European Parliament (MEP) has come to end. During the period, my council salary went to CFINE, the Community Food Initiatives North East doing so much for the people who need help the most. I would like to thank Dave Simmers, the outgoing Chief Executive, and Christine McLean, Community Development Worker, who will also leave CFINE later in the year, for all the work they have done over the years particularly for the people of Torry. Please remember that CFINE is always looking for volunteers.

You have a choice of surgery locations from fellow SNP Councillor Audrey Nicoll and I, either the Library or Balnagask Community Council. Please go online to choose the best way to contact us or to come to see us. You can also seek a meeting with us at anytime or do what most Torry folk do, contact us by email or by calling the Town House.

**You can contact me on 01224 346642 or email [callard@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:callard@aberdeencity.gov.uk).**



## YVONNE ALLAN

Well where has all the rain come from. As we are now moving into spring, I hope it cheers up a bit.

The ongoing home improvement schemes are continuing, and new windows have been going in on the length of Balnagask Road which should give improvement to the warmth of these homes. There will be more improvements as this is a commitment to improve and upgrade the homes of folks.

Good work is being done by Balnagask Community centre in their campaign to recycle crisp bags to help purchase a new rescue helicopter. Old Torry Community

Centre is also doing its bit in that they hosted an event for the Growing Community Project and Cultivate Aberdeen. Well done to both!

Sadly, we have lost Laura from Big Noise. She has gone off back to Canada where she comes from and she will be missed. Anyone who has been involved with big noise will remember the always smiling women who welcomed everyone and was a great inspiration to the Torry Kids. All the best Laura for your future.

The new Neil Simpson Cruyff Court was opened recently, and it was quite an event with Dennis Law and

several of the Gothenburg Greats taking part in the opening ceremony. We also had a great deal of the public in attendance. This is a great facility for Torry so come on get out there and use it.

That's all for now hoping we have a decent summer.

Any issues you may have please get in touch.

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# MSPComments

## MAUREEN WATT MSP

There has certainly been a lot of change in the world of politics.

The United Kingdom has now left the EU – it remains to be seen how a future relationship will look, with negotiations due to take place to iron out the details of future arrangements. I will be closely monitoring the situation regarding fishing which, aside from being a vital industry for Scotland's coastal communities, will also be of extreme significance for the Torry-based processors.

There was also a change of MP for Aberdeen South, and I was delighted that my SNP colleague, Stephen Flynn, won the seat in the December election. I have had the privilege of knowing Stephen for some time and I have no doubt that he will work

tirelessly for the Torry community. I certainly look forward to working with him on future endeavours.

This includes the recent concerning news from Lloyds Banking Group of their decision to close the Tullos Bank of Scotland from the 5th May 2020, claiming this is due to the changing habits of its customers. Should the branch close, then this would mean Torry residents and businesses facing a trek into town to their nearest Bank of Scotland in Union Street. Stephen and I are working together to try and urge them to reconsider.

Torry has been a proudly multicultural area of Aberdeen for decades and I fear that the changes being forced by Brexit will dramatically affect the community

and businesses at the heart of Torry. I would encourage all those who may be affected by the negative immigration policies of the Westminster Government, to remember that the Scottish Government and Parliament want you to stay and work in our cities and our communities.

As always, I am happy to help with any issue you may have. To get in touch, please email me at [maureen.watt.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:maureen.watt.msp@parliament.scot) or call my office on **01224 876743**.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my colleague Michael, [Michael.foley@parliament.scot](mailto:Michael.foley@parliament.scot).**

Aberdeen Harbour

## Port Project

Aberdeen harbour teams up with aberdeen international youth festival to launch the Port Project.

A new project celebrating the Granite City's history as seen through the eyes of its port, has been unveiled, marking a partnership between Aberdeen Harbour and the Aberdeen International Youth Festival (AIYF).

The Port Project aims to encourage young groups to take part in a series of summer workshops, training the participants in a wide range of artistic and performance skills. The organisers have invited both arts and non-arts groups to get involved, with 'taster' sessions available for those who wish to participate.

The groups have already worked towards the AIYF parade in August, where the Port Project participants told the history of Aberdeen through its port, using song, dance and art. The Port Project has not ended with the parade, as the

longer-term vision includes the continuation of 10 newly-formed youth groups started through the AIYF's 'Cultural Volunteer Programme'. The project will help create and develop fresh ideas for the 2013 AIYF parade, ensuring the project's legacy.

Aberdeen Harbour chief executive, Colin Parker said:

"As a board we are very pleased to offer our support to the Port Project, as part of the wider Aberdeen International Youth Festival. The harbour has been a vital element of the city's history and we continue to play an equally important part of its future. The people of the North East can be proud of their heritage and the opportunity to recognise the role the harbour has played throughout the ages is most welcome."

"AIYF has been supporting the younger members of our communities for many years, ensuring opportunities for artistic expression are available to all, and we share its commitment to both celebrating the region's history and providing a strong platform for the future."

Jo Heston, project manager of the Port Project said: "We want to involve as many different groups as possible in this project so that we can deliver 'first in a lifetime' experiences to the young people of Aberdeen. We are delighted to have Aberdeen Harbour as our headline sponsor and feel that they are a perfect match for the project."

Martin Danziger, the project's artistic director, added: "We have had a fantastic response so far, with taster sessions held in schools and by youth groups all over the city. Already, the parade is shaping up to be one of the city's entertainment highlights of the year."



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## Nigg Bay Harbour expansion plan

With the Harbour Board's expansion plan at Nigg Bay, more and more are wondering what this will mean for Torry residents and the rest of Aberdeen.

This will be a huge civil engineering project - but who would benefit from losing quality land in Aberdeen's coastal jewel? It's far to say that most of the land in this area will be lost - but at what cost to the future generations that live in this proud city? There are two other sites being considered for the Harbour Board's - one at North Beach and the other south of Cove Bay. However, these sites were deemed financially unviable. The old saying "to make money you need to spend money" for some reason, doesn't seem to apply here. The expansion plan does get the go-ahead, what will it mean for Torry residents? Because

effectively Torry as a community will be completely surrounded by the harbour, Altona and East Torry industrial estates - not forgetting the strategic works. Will there be apprenticeships for local youngsters and employment opportunities for Aberdonians, or will the work be contracted out to the lowest bidder? Let's hope good news will be forthcoming from the Harbour Board. Scottish Government - as far as jobs are concerned, only time will tell. So once again Torry residents are being asked to endure the increased traffic and noise pollution, as well as losing access to Nigg Bay, which thousands of Aberdonians have enjoyed over the years - whether it be for wildlife

watching, angling or family days out surfing or paragliding. Hopefully the Harbour Board will put out our heads at rest over the coming months, as in all fairness big civil engineering projects in Aberdeen estate don't happen or get bogged down in lengthy expensive court cases, and what Torry residents don't want is a beautiful natural bay enjoyed by all - free of charge - off limits to everyone, if cranes and other large ships are to come to Aberdeen, then let's hope the Harbour Board and City Council will make sure that all Aberdonians benefit from the planned new facilities and the property that it will bring to Aberdeen.

## Torry's Vision turns 10!

Your community magazine has been around 10 years this year. The first edition of Torry's Vision was printed in summer 2010 and produced by local volunteers and in partnership with shmu.

It covered stories including the Torry Art Group, new homes being built in the area and other events which had taken place in the area over the last few months.

We have included some screenshots of old editions - are there any stories or themes you would like us to revisit? Get in touch with us by calling 01224 515013, emailing [laura.young@shmu.org.uk](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk) or by looking up Torry's Vision on Facebook.



## Successful re-launch for Torry Sports Facility

A group of local volunteers held an open day at Torry Clubhouse on Monday, 14th June, to celebrate the re-launch of the Torry Sports Facility. The day was a success, with many people attending and enjoying the facilities. The volunteers were thanked for their hard work and dedication. The re-launch was a great success, and the facility is now open to the public. The volunteers were thanked for their hard work and dedication. The re-launch was a great success, and the facility is now open to the public.

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## St Fittick's Rotary **CAN WE HELP?**

Some readers of this magazine will have heard of Aberdeen St Fittick Rotary Club but quite a few might not. We are part of a worldwide organisation called Rotary International which tries to help groups of people who would benefit from some assistance. Already we work with various groups within Torry eg we have sponsored pupils from Torry Academy and Lochside Academy to attend Youth Leadership courses as well as awarding bursaries to pupils to help them through university.

The roots of our club are based in the Torry area as you can see by our name and that is why we try to do what we can to help. Annually we run a quiz for young people's organisations within the area with prizes awarded according to ability. We have made donations to Big Noise who do great work in the area. Over the past few years we have planted, with the assistance of some of the local schoolchildren, thousands of crocuses to brighten up the area. We would like to work with other organisations in Torry,

particularly ones that deal with the young and the elderly.

Whilst we encourage local organisations with physical help as well as some financial assistance where appropriate we also work internationally. One of the most successful and exciting projects undertaken by Rotary International working in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is to rid the world of that dreadful disease - polio. Over many years we have worked tirelessly to vaccinate children across the globe to the extent that there were only 113 cases of Polio reported in 2019 and they were only in a handful of countries in the world.

Our own local club, Aberdeen St Fittick, has had a close connection with Sierra Leone (one of the poorest countries in the world) for a number of years and at present we assist a charity which provides short term respite and training for single mothers and their families and where possible they will help to trace their families in an effort to reunite them.

From this article you will gather that we are a very active organisation and we are keen to help Torry wherever possible.

For more information please contact:  
**[secretary@stfittick.rotary1010.org](mailto:secretary@stfittick.rotary1010.org)**

### **Rotary Shoebox Project**

Following requests from the local schools 250 shoeboxes were ordered – Lochside Academy filled 53, Walker Road Primary School filled three, Kirkhill Primary School filled 58, Abbotswell Primary School filled 29 boxes and Charleston Primary School filled 17 boxes.

As usual, stalwarts Ian Gerrie and Alastair Robertson provided transportation. The total this year was 177. Deliveries were made to Dyce Carriers on 14th November. Combined Years Certificates signed by President Meera were awarded to each School that had taken part, thanking them for their efforts. The schools fitted the new certificates to existing Picture Frames. Well done to all the schools who took part!

# Community Contacts

## ALCOHOL

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 9177 650  
Drinkline 0300 123 1110

## CRIME

Crimestoppers 0 800 555 111

## DRUGS

Alcohol and Drugs  
Action Helpline 01224 594700  
Aberdeen in Recovery 07936 008808  
Narcotics Anonymous 0300 999 1212

## DENTIST

Emergency – G-Dens 111

## DOCTORS

NHS 24 Emergency 111

## POLICE

Non-Emergency 101

## ELECTRICITY

If you have a power cut 105

## GAS

Gas Emergency 0800 111 999

## HOUSING

Emergency Repairs 03000 200 292

## FAMILY PLANNING

Aberdeen Community Health and Care Village  
0345 337 9900

## SAMARITANS

Need to talk 116 123

CHILDLINE 0800 1111

BREATHING SPACE 0800 838587

## SOCIAL WORK

Social Work Duty Team and  
Emergency Out of Hours 0800 731 5520

## WATER

Scottish Water Emergency 0800 0778 778

## CFINE

01224 596156

Pathways

01224 682939

SAFE at CFINE

01224 531386

Citizens Advice

01224 586255

Walker Road Primary School

01224 879720

Tullos Primary School

01224 876621

Lochside Academy

01224 241720

**Balnagask Community Centre**

01224 871206

**Old Torry Community Centre**

01224 894925

**Tullos Learning Centre**

01224 291882

**Torry Medical Practice**

8am – 6pm

0345 337 9977

**Torry Library**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10am – 1pm 2pm – 5pm

Wed: 1-7pm

Sat: 10am – 1pm

01224 879037

**Tullos Pool**

01224 507681